



## Windstar Cruises Earns Coveted Awards From Travel Weekly, Condé Nast Traveler, USA Today



*Photo: Windstar President John Delaney accepts the Travel Weekly award in New York*

**Seattle, WA, January 7, 2020** — Big accolades are happening for [Windstar Cruises](#). The small ship cruise line, known for charting a course to smaller ports, islands, and waterways that larger ships can't access, recently earned the coveted "Best Cruise Line (under 500 berths)" designation at the 17th Annual *Travel Weekly* Readers' Choice Awards.

Windstar Cruises' President John Delaney accepted the *Travel Weekly* honor on Thursday, December 12, during a black-tie event at the Conrad New York in Manhattan. Winners are chosen by travel advisors who write in names of favorite companies in many categories. The full list of award winners will appear in the January 20 issue of the magazine.

Two more awards announced in December include Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List for Best Cruise Ships in the World and #1 for Best Boutique Cruise Line in *USA TODAY* 10Best Readers' Choice awards.

"On behalf of our guests, our loyal travel professionals, crew, and staff around the world, I am humbled to accept these awards," said Delaney. "We strive to deliver exceptional experiences and access to incredibly special cultures and places around the world with our small ships. It's the ultimate honor to be recognized for our efforts with these accolades."

In addition to earning the #1 "Best Boutique Cruise Line" by 10Best, Windstar also was named a "Best Cruise Ship for Dining" for its ship *Star Pride* (top 10), as well as the #5 "Best Small Cruise Ship" for motorized sailing ship *Wind Surf*. [More awards](#) for the small ship cruise line can be found online.

#### *About Travel Weekly*

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<https://www.travelweekly.com/readerschoicefinalists>

#### *About USA TODAY 10Best*

The 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest launches new categories every other Monday at noon, revealing each category's 20 nominees. After 4 weeks of voting, the contest closes on the 28th day at noon. On the Friday after voting ends, winners are revealed. Nominees for all categories are chosen by a panel of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from *USA TODAY*; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. The nomination panel for each award category is displayed on its associated contest page. 10Best.com provides users with original, unbiased, and experiential travel content of top attractions, things to see and do, and restaurants for top destinations in the U.S. and around the world.

<https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/>

#### *About Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List*

The Gold List is a collection of Condé Nast editors' favorite hotels, cruise ships and resorts in the world. It's created by their teams in New York and London who say their choices are "exceptional and classic."

#### *About Windstar Cruises*

Windstar Cruises operates a six-ship fleet of masted sailing ships and all-suite motor ships cruising throughout Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal, Asia, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada and New England, Tahiti and the South Pacific, Mexico and U.S. Coastal, and newly launched Australia and New Zealand cruises. Windstar's fleet is the market leader in small ship cruising calling on more than 330 off-the-beaten-path and popular ports in nearly 80 countries. The boutique line caters to between 148 and 342 guests on each sailing and takes travelers on cruises that are 180 degrees from ordinary. Windstar has recently launched the \$250 Million Star Plus Initiative to transform three Star Class ships with new suites, restaurants, and world-class spa and fitness center. Windstar Cruises is a part of Xanterra Travel Collection. To learn more about authentic small ship cruising with Windstar, visit [www.windstarcruises.com](http://www.windstarcruises.com).

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